

REMARKS

Status of the Application

Claims 1-23 are all the claims pending in the Application, as claim 24 is hereby cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-24 stand rejected.

Claims 1, 6, 7, 9, 12 and 14 are amended herein in an editorial and clarifying manner. As these amendments are merely editorial in nature, Applicants submit that no estoppel applies.

Indefiniteness Rejection

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner alleges that: (1) in claims 1, 8-11 and 18, “ones of the” is not clear; (2) line 4 of claim 6 is redundant in view of line 2 of claim 6; (3) there is incorrect antecedent basis in claims 9 and 11; and (4) there is a typographical error in claim 12.

Regarding item (1), Applicants respectfully submit that the recitation of “ones of” is clear, and reads on (in the case of independent claim 1) a configuration in which two or more of the edge elements define a first dimple. Further, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has not indicated why one of ordinary skill in the art would not understand the recitation of “ones of” in claims 1, 8-11 and 18, as is required by MPEP § 2173.02.

Regarding item (2), the second line of claim 6 specifies that “edges ... define the dimples,” while line 4 specifies that “first dimples are defined by ones of the plurality of edge *elements*” (*emphasis added*). Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the recitations are not the same.

Regarding item (3), Applicants hereby amend claims 9 and 11 to provide correct antecedent basis.

Regarding item (4), Applicants hereby amend claim 12 to correct the typographical error therein.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Anticipation Rejection

The Examiner has rejected 18-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by *Ogg* (US 6,290,615; hereinafter “*Ogg*”).

Applicants hereby amend independent claim 18 to include the features of dependent claim 24, which is not rejected in view of *Ogg*.

Thus, this rejection is believed to be moot, and Applicants respectfully request that it be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-23 are allowable. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the application now is in condition for allowance with all of the claims 1-23.

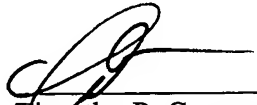
If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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